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President's Message

Hello, Members,

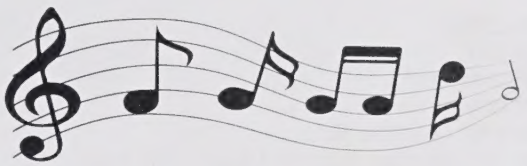
It does not feel much like a mid-May morning at my home today. I hope by the time May *TREES* goes out that it will be a more spring-like time in North Carolina.

This seems to be such a time of hope for reopening and some normalcy across the country. If you have not gotten your vaccination, think seriously about doing so. Remember you are helping others as well as yourself. It was such a relief to me when I received my second shot. I felt that I could truly inhale and exhale after many months of isolation.

With that being said, I have faith we will resume meetings and programs in September. We do not have meetings in June, July, or August according to organization practices. September would be our first meeting after the summer break. The annual social will also be announced in future issues. Read your summer issues of *TREES* for announcements as plans evolve.

Remember *TREES* will be arriving for June and August. The membership roster is mailed in July, while TREES takes a break. Keep your submissions coming. The editor likes to keep a stockpile of articles.

Yvonne



LEMUEL PENDER

***Wilson Daily Times,* May 13, 1919**

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin, III

The Free will Baptist church at Rosebud in Toisnot township was unable to contain all the people who came to pay tribute to the memory of their brave young countryman and neighbor who died in the service of his country in France, for a great many of them were compelled to crowd in at the doors and listen from the windows as his virtues and courage were extolled and his splendid traits of character dere [sic.] described yesterday afternoon.

The Rev. G. W. Ferrell presided at the service and introduced the speakers in addition to delivering an eloquent eulogy of the young man.

His favorite hymns were sung and after the invocation of devine [sic.] blessings by Elder Dixon, Mr. Ferrell spoke from Ecclessiastes [sic.] 7th chapter and 1 to 7 verses...

...

Lemuel Pender died not only to save your country and your homes, but that we could speak to you this evening, and bring you realization of the issues of life and death and the seriousnes [sic.] of duty and righteous living.

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ANNIE OR MILLIE?

Contributed by Tammy Medlin

I have a puzzle I am trying to solve. On April 11, 1919, the following announcement appeared in the *Wilson Daily Times*:

CHILD SCALED TO DEATH

We regret to learn of the sad death of the grandchild of Mr. Taylor Barnes of Cross Goads township who sat down in a tub of hot water. The child is the son of Mr. Bernard Barnes and was two years old. It died last evening at two o'clock and was buried today.

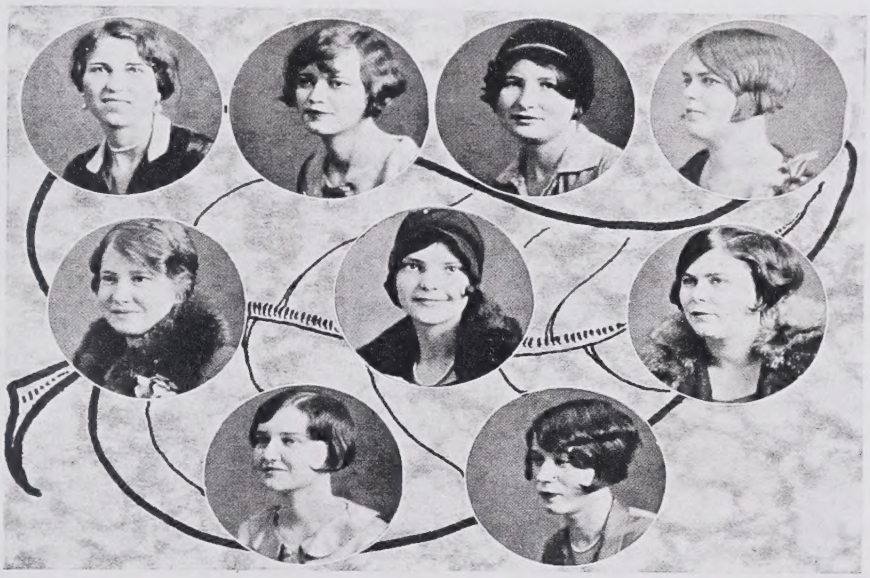
Now I immediately noticed two things about this announcement. I have never heard of Cross Goads township, and they did not give the name of the child. I decided to investigate. I found a Mr. Taylor Barnes listed on the 1920 census as living in Cross **Roads** in Wilson County, and I found a Bernard Barnes living nearby who was married to Elizabeth.

I then looked for a marriage record and found a license for BB Barnes to Lane Bass on Feb. 10, 1916. The groom's father was listed as A J Barnes in the transcript, but when I checked the image of the document, I saw the cursive T has been misread as a J. BB Barnes mother was listed as Millie. I then went back to the census, this time in 1910 and found in Cross Roads an Addison T Barnes and his wife Millie who had a son Bernard B of the right age. I concluded Addison T Barnes was the Taylor Barnes listed in the article. (He is also listed as Adison Taylor Barnes in the 1880 census, but that was before Bernard was born.) I also found Bernard's wife listed as Lanie in the 1930 and 1940 census.

All this research gave me the names of the child's paternal grandparents, as well as the father and mother. North Carolina started requiring death certificates in 1913. This was only a few years later, but armed with the date of death (April 10, 1919) and the names of both parents, I decided to look.

I found a death certificate for Annie Barnes, (girl not boy) born Jan. 30, 1917, died April 10, 1919. Her parents were BB Barnes, who gave the information, and her mother was Lanie Bass. The cause for death appeared to be scalded - accident. The word accident was very clear. I thought the riddle was solved. Annie was the child in the newspaper article. But then findagrave.com shows a marker for Millie Avis, born Jan. 29, 1919, and died April 10th, 1919, whose parents were B.B. and L.E. Barnes. She is buried in the same cemetery as Bernard and Lanie. So, the child in the article was a daughter, not a son, her grandfather lived in Cross Roads not Cross Goads, but was her name Annie or Millie Avis?

THE 1928 TECOAN



Wilson County Club

Motto: "Don't be Suckers"

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LUCILE TAYLOR
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[Editor's Note: Josie Harrison, pictured at lower right, was the mother of Sue Evans Powell, Editor Emeritus of WCGS's *TREES* Newsletter for more than two decades.]

CONTENTNEA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH DEATHS

Retyped from abstracted copy of the church records by Hugh Buckner Johnston
Contributed by Brenda Dorsett

DATES OF DEATH FROM THE REGISTER OF CONTENTNEA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

A small congregation in the Contentnea Community of Wilson County was gathered as early as June 8, 1805, through the evangelical efforts of Elder Reuben Hayes, Pastor of the Lower Black Creek Primitive Baptist Church. The first members received there were baptized at Lower Black Creek on July 6 of that year: Mary Harrison, Patience Nichols, Rahab Moore, and Jamina Sillavint. Jethro Harrison and Thomas Horn were added on August 3, 1805; Ann Horn, Josiah Nichols, William Moore, and Polley Howard on October 5, 1805; James Langley and Nanny [struck through/illegible] Johnson in 1806; Basana Brantley on August 5, 1809; Owen Selavent on November 30, 1811; Hardy Horn on August 1, 1812; Irvin Eatmon on October 2, 1812; and Hardy Boykin and Eli Mercer on September 5, 1821.

On June 29, 1808, John (X) Hedgepeth of Edgecombe County deeded for two dollars to William Moore, Thomas Horn, and Jeremiah Nichols of Nash County, "Commissioners Appointed by the Baptist society to purchase land for the purpose of Building a Meeting House," one acre on the north side of Great Contentnea Creek "on the Road that leads from Eli Mercer's to the Bridge at Woodards ford in said Creek, including the New meeting house built for the Baptist society to Hold their meetings in...as long as the said Baptist Society shall deem it convenient to hold or keep up the Meeting House on the said acre of land;" witnessed by William Horn and Etheldred DeBerry.

On April 13, 1824, Contentnea Primitive Baptist Church was formally constituted by Elders Reuben Hayes and Jordan Sherrod who then proceeded to install Elder John Parker as the pastor of the small congregation consisting of Hardy and Sarah Williamson, Hardy Boykin, Jeremiah and Patience Nichols, Thomas and Ann Horn, Owen Silavent, and Ann Raper.

The first Register of the Contentnea Church survived as late as January 6, 1874, when its contents (or selected portions) transcribed into the earliest existing Minute Book by Clerk Jonathan T. Lamm. On November 18, 1881, the area of the church property was considerably enlarged by Trustees Joseph Farmer, William Ellis, and Stephen D. Boykin who paid James F. and Edith (X) Mercer a nominal $8 for 3,714 square yards adjoining the original lot and James T. Wiggins [struck through/illegible] in Oldfield Township on the road from Wilson to Dr. J. M. Taylor's Mill_r.

Although a careful roll of both male and female and white and black members was kept from the beginning by the successive Clerks of the Contentnea Primitive Baptist Church, only a limited number of the exact dates of the deaths of the said members were recorded, but the value of the following alphabetized list of these surviving dates will be readily apparent to the interested reader.

Aycock, Polly:	January 5, 1904
Baker, Emily:	June 15, 1878
Nancy:	August 19, 1881
Barefoot, Annie L.:	November 26, 1920
Susan:	July 19, 1906
Barnes, Arthur M.:	February 10, 1899
Daniel:	Spring 1909
Mary A:	April 11, 1898
Boswell, Bessie (Finch):	August 30, 1907
Fannie:	June 7, 1899
George W.:	May 7, 1932 (born August 25, 1867)
Boyett, Martha:	February 16, 1878
William:	November 18, 1927 (born April 7, 1875)
Boykin, Hardy:	June 23, 1832
Stephen:	January 8, 1865
Stephen D.:	July 12, 1910
Coleman, John R:	October 1910
J. R.:	July 1914
Sally:	September 3, 1896
Cook, Lazarus:	April 18, 1854
Daniel, Polly Ann:	January 21, 1915 (born July 1862)
Davis, Jerusha "Rusha":	January 24, 1890
Josiah:	December 24, 1827
Mary Ann:	January 22, 1917 (born September 20,1833)
Sudie:	February 4, 1930
Deans, Martha:	November 10, 1901
Willie:	December 2, 1896
Dew, Nancy M.:	1915
Ellis, Amos:	March 11, 1877
Nancy:	January 10, 1893
Pollie:	December 14, 1896
William:	April 3, 1892
Farmer, Elizabeth:	November 2, 1906
Joseph:	January 22, 1892
Farrell, Penninah:	July 30, 1896
Flowers, Aby:	July 21, 1910
Arcady:	October 21, 1892
Nelly:	December 5, 1882
Fulghum, Jacob:	April 10, 1842
Gardner, Patience:	March 15, 1920 (born July 29, 1862)
Glover, Zilpha:	July 20, 1904
Zilpha:	1917
Grice, Polley:	1917

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Hagans, Treacy:	February 24, 1902 (colored)
Hanes, Tempy Ann:	1917
Harrell, Mary:	1873
Harrison, Jethro:	June 26, 1811
Mary:	1808
Holland, Elisa:	May 18, 1843
Holland's Feb:	May 12, 1847 (slave)
Horn, John:	July 21, 1835
Johnson, Betsey J:	May 1912
Jones, Jose:	October 21, 1887 (colored)
Kerby, Elizabeth:	January 24, 1894
W.B.:	November 25, 1911
Lamm, Abraham O.:	August 21, 1917 (born November 12, 1855)
Bynum:	June 20, 1927 (born April 3, 1846)
Christian:	May 12, 1890
Edith (Boyette):	June 3, 1917 (aged 75)
Louisa:	April 1, 1890
Lamm, Martha:	April 27, 1881
Sally:	January 11, 1919
Solomon:	February 14, 1891
Talitha Jane (Smith):	April 19, 1893 (aged 67)
Thomas J.:	September 26, 1903
Lucas, Council:	April 27, 1912
Marlor, Margaret (Smith):	December 16, 1895
Mercer, Edith:	May 9, 1900
Eli:	1833
James F:	September 11, 1889
Montgomery, Penninah:	August 4, 1918 (aged 67)
Morris, Polly (Boykin):	October 24, 1917 (born January 10, 1849)
Rhoda Ann:	March 6, 1896
Nichols, Annie:	June 28, 1907
Charlie P.:	January 12, 1930 (born March 28, 1874)
Jeremiah:	August 2, 1833
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Page, Francis	July 25, 1896
Peele, Piety F.:	July 26, 1908
Privett, James L.:	September 22, 1882
Stephen:	August 18, 1873
Zilpha:	November 26, 1906
Proctor, Mary Ellen:	May 10, 1933 (born August 30, 1833)
Renfrow, Celia:	February 14, 1918 (born December 20, 1845)
J.T.:	September 24, 1908
Simpson, Bennet	August 3, 1875
Clara:	February 25, 1877
Margaret:	July 8, 1885
Sillavent, Beven:	April 19, 1839
Jamima:	1811
Simpson, Nancy:	September 18, 1856
Rutha:	August 31, 1855
Smith, Joseph:	March 15, 1917
Peninie:	January 13, 1899
Stott, Harriet:	June 7, 1908
Sullivan, Viana:	March 30, 1910
Thorn, Eliza:	June 18, 1874
Ramon C.:	February 14, 1901
Wells, Nancy:	October 17, 1909
Wheeler, Martha A.C.:	January 14, 1907
Whitley, Lillian Pearl:	November 20, 1926 (born January 19, 1892)
Williams, Bardin:	July 24, 1896 (born April 27, 1800)
Williamson, Axeline:	April 11, 1900
Bethhany:	December 6, 1889
Guillia:	June 6, 1880
Hardy:	March 17, 1833
L. F.:	June 1913
Rhoda:	March 14, 1914 (born September 21, 1831)
Salley:	August 8, 1888
Sara:	October 30, 1907
Susan L.:	January 7, 1900
Wiley S.:	October 20, 1894
Worrell, John T:	June 11, 1878

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FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH FOUNDERS

First Christian Church Archives
Contributed by Sue Evans Powell

The members of the First Christian Church in Wilson, North Carolina, are celebrating their sesquicentennial year since its founding on Thursday, April 27, 1871. On that day seventeen citizens of Wilson County met to form a new church in Wilson which would follow the doctrines of the Christian denomination. Below is a list of those founders.

Peter Edmund Hines
Moses Tyson Moye
Robert J. Taylor
Willis Napoleon Hackney
Margaret Battle
Jesse Mercer Battle
Joseph J. Bynum
Orpah Hackney
Mary M. Hearne
Sarah Hines
Robert W. King
John L. Kitchin
Lucy Kitchin
Joseph Joshua Lawrence
Penelope Moye
Mary Pearce
Charles Jenkins Rountree

WWI DRAFT REGISTRATION

Wilson Daily Times, June 11, 1917
Contributed by J. Robert Boykin, III

LIST OF REGISTRANTS
Names and Addresses of Those Becoming 21 Since June 1917.
White

Joseph Edmond Lamm, R.6, Wilson
Jonah Lee Ellis, R. 2, Wilson
James Thos. Bass, R. 2, Lucama
George Crowder, Black Creek
John Davis, R. 1, Wilson
Levie Worley, R. 2, Lucama
Arthur Newsom, Lucama
Joe Thos. Moore, R. 3, Lucama
Barney Robinson Raper, R. 3, Lucama
Albert Clifton Bass, R. 1, Black Creek
Elias Herman Pittman, Kenly
James Willis Gardner, R. 11 [?], Black Creek
Bardin J. Bunn, R. 3, Kenly
Carl Lee Taylor, R. 1, Lucama
Leonard Cecil Barnes, R. 3, Kenly
James Henry Batts, R. 1, Wilson
John Lemon Bailey, Elm City
Jesse Carl Fulghum, R. 3, Kenly
Pleasant Paul Hosto, R. 1, Elm City
Roney Page, R. 6, Wilson
Geo. Howard Tedder, R. 1, Simms
Paul Lancaster Bryant, R. 4, Elm City
Milliard Guy Murray, R. 1, Middlesex
John C. Cobb, R. 4, Elm City
Joseph Raper, R. 5, Kenly
Henry Bauman Mayo, 204 Park Ave., Wilson
Mark B. Draughn, W. Pine St., Wilson, N. C.
Lester J. Lanier, 115 Railroad St., Wilson
Jefferson Lee Pittman, 310 E. Gold St., Wilson
Charley Paul Liles, Wilson Tobacco Co., Wilson
J. F. Sykes, R. 1, Fremont
Furnie Beecher Batts, R. 1, Elm City
Vance Bonus, R. 4, Wilson
Abberson B. C. Lamm, R. 2, Wilson
Robert R. Ethridge, R. 3, Wilson
Harvey Raper, R. 1, Lucama
Needham Webb, R. 2, Macclesfield
Jodie Bridges, R. 3, Elm City
Albert Owens, R. 3, Elm City
Harvey Harrison, R. 3, Wilson
Joseph Bryan Lamm, R. 1, Black Creek
James Pridgen, R. 4, Elm City
Roby Leslie Johnson, Lucama
Lucian Davis, R. 1, Simms
Clifton Cobb, R. 2, Elm City
Charlie Everett, R. 3, Box 89, Elm City
William C. Proctor, R. 1, Box 23, Elm City
Tommie Bridgers, R. 1, Elm City
Walter Batts, R. 1, Black Creek
Albert Oettinger, Wilson
Bennett Nichols, R. 2, Wilson
M. M. Gurkin, R. 1, Middlesex
Lee Carey Moore, 209 Hill St, Wilson
David Elijah Williams, R. 3, Elm City
Rommie H. Sasser, R. 1, Lucama
Lucien Lamm, R. 3, Lucama
William N. Liles, R. 1, Bailey
Early B. Lucas, R. 2, Lucama
George H. Bunn, R. 1, Simms
Paul Moore, R. 2, Wilson
Malphus Boykin, R. 2, Wilson
James Ferrell, R. 1, Lucama
Johnnie H. Jenkins, R. 2, Macclesfield
Druey Preston Hawley, R. 1, Lucama
Willis Baker, R. 2, Stantonsburg
Hardy Webb, R. 2, Macclesfield
Bailey Gardner, 623 Crowell St., Wilson
Dempsey Thomas Stott, R. 1, Middlesex
John Robert Oakey, R. 1, Elm City
Willie J. Mitchell, R. 2, Wilson
Walter B. Brice, R. 4, Elm City
Walter C. Atkinson, R. 3, Kenly
Roy Williford, R. 1, Elm City
E___ Ballance, R. 4, Kenly
Otis W. Peale, R. 3, Lucama
Christopher C. Scott, R. 3, Lucama
William C. Garner, R. 3, Elm City
Stephen Ethredge, R. 2, Wilson
William B. Bissett, R. 2, Wilson
William H. Farmer, Com. Ave, Stantonsburg
Wesley B. Doles, Main St., Elm City
Willis Hayes, R. 1, Sims
Jesse Page, R. 2, Wilson
William D. Stallings, R. 2, Elm City
A. Redmond Winstead, R. 4, Elm City
Harvey Meares Brinkley, Elm City
Clyde Jomp, Wilson
Kinchen Hawkins Price, R. 3, Lucama
Albert Anderson Lamm, R. 3, Lucama
John D. Edwards, R. 3, Kenly
R. L. Smith, Wilson
Clarence Anderson Brame, R. 3, Kenly
Walter Whitley, R. 2, Stanbtonsburg
Van Dori High, R. 2, Wilson
James G. Vick, 205 W. Hines St., Wilson
Berry Thorne, R. 1, Simms
Eddie Brantley, R. 1, Simms
Henry Lamm, R. 2, Wilson
James Moses Peele, R. 1, Lucama
Charles Strickland, R. 4, Wilson
George Washington, Sharpsburg
Magruder Ellis Sadler, Wilson—Hobuckton
Roger Gleeman Williams, Elm City
Jasper Herman Lamm, Lucama
Joseph Alexander Bailey, Jr., R. 3, Lucama
W. J. Brockley, Wilson
Dock Page, R. 2, Wilson
Vaden Jones, 504 Academy St., Wilson
Robert Verelle Moss, 221 Broad St., Wilsohn
Thomas Allen Talbott, Daniel St., Wilson
Floyd D. Massey, Herring Ave., Wilson

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Joseph Barnes, R. 4, Wilson
Columbus McKissick, R. 4, Wilson
Joseph Ellis, R. F. D., Fountain
John Henry Webb, R. 2, Macclesfield

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Edgar Mandica, R. F. D., Elm City
Floyd Gear, R. 4, Wilson
Eddie Smith, R. 2, Stantonsburg
Mack Eatman, R. 2, Wilson
Connor Winstead, R. 3, Stantonsburg
Starkey Williams, R. 2, Elm City
Edgar Ellis, R. 4, Wilson
Jack Tucker, Black Creek
Fletcher Barnes, R. 5, Wilson
James Henry Barnes, R. 6, Wilson
Amos Coley, R. 3, Wilson
Robert Shaffer, Elm City
John Edwards, R. 1, Walstonburg
John Wilson, 215 Wiggins St., Wilson
Jimmy Jones, West Lodge St., Wilson
Astor Burt Mowser, 531 E. Nash St., Wilson
William Moore, R. 1, Box 38, Fountain
Ethel Leach, 128 East St., Wilson
Bill Joyner, Sharpsburg
Willis Knight, Care of C. Woodard, R. F. D., Wilson
William Abner Buie, 311 South St., Wilson
James E. Teachey, Vick St., Wilson
Mack Parker, R. 1, Sharpsburg
Festus Simms, R. 3, Lucama
William Knight, R. 5, Wilson
West Joyner, R. 3, Elm City
William P. T. Blow, 416 E. Green St., Wilson
Ben Robbins, 660 Viola St., Wilson
Herbert Bethea, Lucama
Willis C. G. Jones, Atlantic St., Wilson
Marcellus Farmer, R. 6, Box 33, Wilson
Augustus Blow, Mercer St., Wilson
George Leslie Bryant, R. 1, Box 61, Black Creek
Joseph Barnes, R. 3, Lucama
Moses Coley, R. 3, Kenly
Ernest Fair, R. 4, Box 27, Elm City
Sam Battle, R. 3, Elm City
William Henry Fields, Lucama
Richard Hodge, R. 3, Box 28, Lucama
Dancy Everette, R. 3, Box 449, Lucama
Jarvis Creech, R. 3, Box 63, Lucama
Tom Moore, R. 5, Box 78, Wilson
Charlie Edward Winstead, R. 1, Wilson
James Arthur Hodge, R. 2, Wilson
Van Robbins, R. 6, Box 56, Wilson
Albert Pate, R. 2, Lucama
Hubert Michener, 534 E. Nash St., Wilson
Daniel Leon Vick, 62 ___ St., Wilson
Paul White, Jose, Scotland Neck
Gray Ruffin, Jr., R. 5, Wilson
Joe Barham, R. 3, Kenly
Emmet Lane, Alex. St., Wilson
Oliver Newsome, Young Line, Wilson
James Joseph Norfleet, 636 [?] E. Green St., Wilson
Johnnie Barnes, Vance St., Wilson
Robert Chance, 31_ Lodge, Wilson
Jacob Dudley, Black Creek
Dave McCoy, Union Alley, Wilson
Samuel H. Wilson, 326 [?] Pender St., Wilson
Rober Farmer, R. 3, Elm City
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Ed. Lee Joyner, R. 1, Elm City
Hames Revel, R. 3, Kenly
Stephen Clyde Atkinson, R. 3, Kenly
Andrew Harget, 602 Spring St., Wilson
Jonah Barnes, Wilson

Joe [?] Baker, R. 2, Stantonsburg
John Robert Gray, R. 2, Wilson
E. D. Evans, 207 Spruce St., Wilson
Carnal Barnes, 107 Fourth St., Wilson
Benjamin Earl, R. 1, Wilson
Dewey Moody, R. 3, Wilson
George Allen, R. 1, Lucama
Ed. Joyner, R. 3, Elm City
Walter Winstead, Stantonsburg
Albert Taylor, R. 2, Stantonsburg
Eddie Mitchell, R. 3, Lucama
Edmund Earpe, R. 1, Simm
Jacob Battle, R. 6, Wilson
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Sannie Patterson, 118 Smith St., Wilson
Roy Shelley, R. 4, Elm City

[Note: Typed as closely as possible from a damaged newspaper. Spellings were left as originally printed.]

HAPPY
Memorial Day

EARLY WILSON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT CLERKS AND REGISTERS OF DEEDS

***Wilson Daily Times,* November 4, 1911**
Contributed by J. Robert Boykin, III

The effort of Register of Deeds Dildy to secure the photographs of the Registers of Deeds of the county and hang them in that office, called forth the suggestion that photographs of all our county officers be secured from their descendants. Judge Mewborn very kindly furnished a list of the clerks of the court since the county was organized in 1855. We would be glad to have the others.

The clerks of the Superior court of Wilson county follow:
Thos. C. Davis was the first Clerk. Appointed Fall Term, 1855 when the county was first organized.
At Spring Term, 1856, A. J. Simms is appointed Clerk.
At Fall Term, 1857, owing to the failure of J. D. Cawthorn, Clerk elected to qualify, William S. Duggan is appointed Clerk.
At Dec. Term, 1859, William S. Duggan resigns and Joseph H. Foy is appointed in his place.
At June temn [sic.], 1860, Joseph H. Foy resigns and E. Prentiss Tucke is appointed in his stead.
At Dec. term, 1861, B. F. Briggs recently elected as Clerk, qualifies and holds office until August 1868, when A. Barnes qualifies as Clerk.

At the termination of the time of Mr. Barnes, about 1875, H. C. Moss is qualified as Clerk, and holds office until Dec. 1882, when A. B. Deans takes the office. After Mr. Deans' term of office expires, Mr. J. D. Bardin holds the office until Jan. 1, 1906, When [sic.] S. G. Mewborn is is [sic.] appointed as Clerk.

From the foregoing, it will be seen that the following persons have served Wilson county as Clerks of the Superior Court:

T. C. Davis,
A. J. Simms,
William S Duggan,
Joseph H. Foy,
E. Prentiss Tucke,
B. F. Briggs,
A. Barnes,
H. C. Moss,
A. B. Deans,
J. D. Bardin.
Note: - Mr. T. C. Davis has lived to see thus far every Clerk, Sheriff, Register of Deeds and Treasurer of Wilson county.

VIEW OF WILSON COUNTY COURT HOUSE.

Our Registrars who have served since organization of the county and years installed in office:
L. J. Sauls, 1855, R. J. Taylor, 1856, A. J. Brown, 1859, P. P. Clark, 1861, G. B. Ballinger, 1865, Wm. B. Harrell, 1865, A. J. Brown, 1866, F. W. Taylor, 1868, T. J. Rowe, 1870, Jno. Y. Moore, 1880, B. J. Barnes, 1882, Dec., S. W. Warren, 1888, Dec., W. M. Wells, 1894, Dec., G. H. Griffin, Dec. 1896, W. B.

OTHER LOCAL MEETINGS

Edgecombe County Genealogical Society meets at 7:00 pm, third Thursdays, at Edgecombe County Memorial Library, Tarboro, N. C.

Farmville, N. C., Ancestor Seekers meets 10 am, second Saturdays, at Farmville Public Library, Farmville, N. C.

Greene County Family Researchers meets at 7:30 pm, third Thursdays, at Greene County Museum, Snow Hill, N. C.

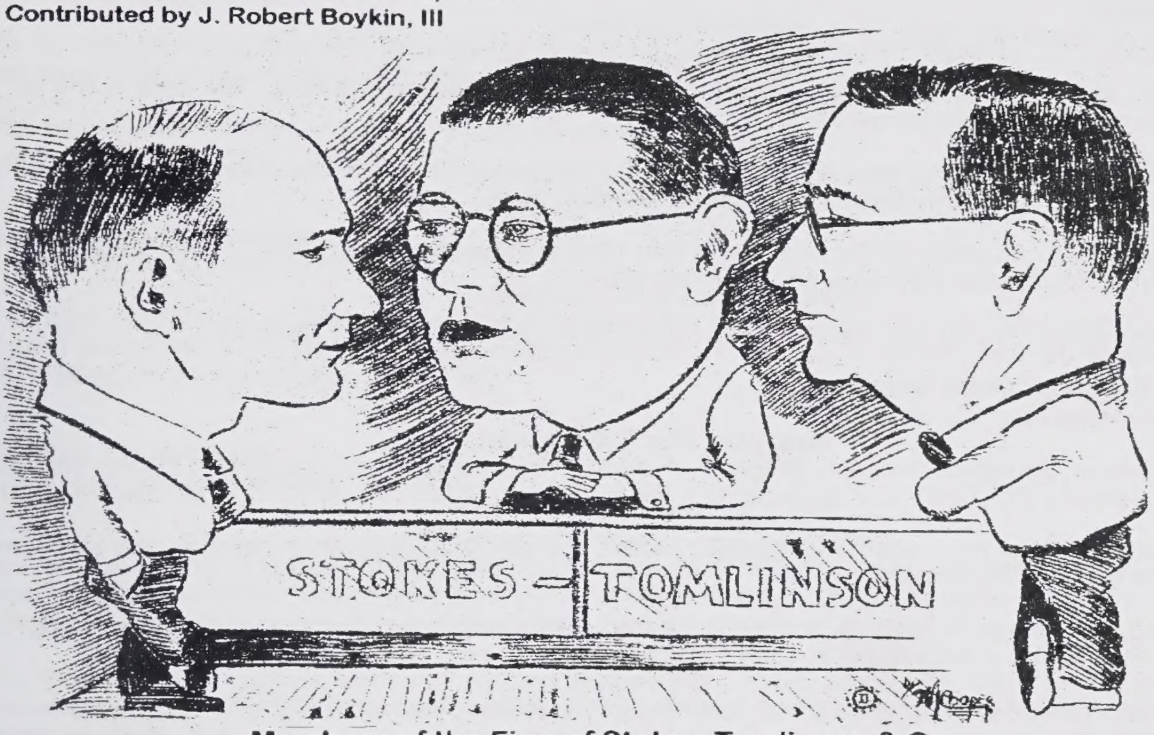
Old Dobbs Genealogical Society meets at 10:30 am, third Saturdays of each calendar quarter, at Wayne County Public Library, Goldsboro, N. C.

Pitt County Family Researchers meets at 7:00 pm, third Tuesdays, at Sheppard Memorial Library, Greenville, N. C.

PROMINENT IN WILSON'S BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL LIFE

***Wilson Daily Times,* October 10, 1925**

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin, III



Members of the Firm of Stokes-Tomlinson & Co.

The three members of the firm of Stokes Tomlinson and Company make a good team in themselves. They are perfectly harmonious and tune up together like the strings of the finest violin that was ever played. They are not only tuned up with themselves and work together like twin brothers, but they are also tuned up with their customers and give them the finest sort of service and values.

The men's ready-to-wear store of Stokes Tomlinson & Company is a place where men can be fitted out from top to bottom with the best that can be had, and at prices that are fair and just to both the buyer and the seller. The motto of the firm is, First, to handle the best clothing that can be had, buying right and selling right, with only a small margin of profit for themselves. Second, specializing in men's clothing, they keep up with the styles and can give you everything up to the minute and the best that can be procured for the money. They guarantee satisfaction, and money's worth or money back.

Mr. C. W. Stokes, the senior member of the firm, came to Wilson from his home in Abbeville, Ala., in 1917 to cast his fortune among the splendid people of Wilson County and in the biggest tobacco market in the world. With a knowledge of several years in the clothing business he was adaptable to the community and the business and at once he found himself with a good trade and ever increasing patronage. His popularity caused him to be a welcome member in the social life of the town, and it was not long before he had become a member of the Rotary Club and is one of its leading and most influential members. Mr. Stokes is also a member of the Baptist church and is prominent in the affairs of that body. He is also a member of the Merchants Association, and active in the promotion of the commercial affairs of Wilson. One of the first things Mr. Stokes did when he landed in Wilson was to encourage a County Fair, and he rendered valuable aid in its organization.

Mr. J. L. Tomlinson also a member of the firm, is a native born Wilsonian. He was formerly connected with the Farmers' Cotton Oil Company of this city, but for the last eight years has been a mainstay in his present position. His hobby is baseball and football. He is a member of the Kiwanis Club and Odd Fellows. He is also a member of the Christian Church.

Mr. H. B. Stokes, a cousin of Mr. C. W. Stokes, was born in Abbeville, Ala. Like his brother, he saw the advantages of a real country and came hither. He joined the organization in 1919. He is a member of the Royal Arch Masons and the Methodist church.

OBITUARIES

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ALMEDA GARDNER

Wilson Daily Times, March 16, 1913

Death of Miss Gardner.

On Wednesday, April 16th, 1913 at 10 p. m. Miss Almeda Gardner entered into rest. The funeral will be from her late residenhe [sic.] tomorrow April 18 at 10 a. m.

The above announcement will be read with sorrow by the numerous friends of the deceased who together with her sister Miss Hattie Gardner have lived together all their lives.

The loss of course falls heaviest on the one that is left. One brother Mr. John Gardner, who resides near Wilson is also left to mourn the departure of a devoted sister.

[Note: The report of her funeral was included in the June 2014 issue *of Trees of Wilson.*]

ISABELLA F. MOORE BARNES GRIMMER

Zion's Landmark, December 15, 1898

Mrs. Isabella F. Grimmer.

Isabella F. Grimmer, youngest child and daughter of Elder Ichabod Moore and Elizabeth J. Moore, was born in Pitt Co. N. C. January 21st 1844, and departed this life in Toisnot, Wilson Co. N. C. Oct. 1st 1898 of gastritis.

She was possessed of the most charming qualities while yet a girl; was devoted to parents, and kind, gentle, and loving to brothers and sisters.

She was united in marriage to Jesse D. Barnes, June 30th 1859, who was killed in the charge on the Crater after explosion of the mine a Petersburg in 1864. No children were born to them, ...

She had a good, strong friend—one that had never failed—in William Barnes Sr., of whom it may be said, there are few such men on earth. She lived with the humble writer until August 1870, when she was married to Mr. W. L. Grimmer of Pitt, May 26th 1870 with whom she spent the remainder of her days in the enjoyment of his loving devotion and unwearied ministration.

They resided at her home in Wilson Co. near Stantonsburg, for several years. There were born to them 4 children, 3 of whom survive her; 1 boy and 2 girls, all over 21 years of age. ...

Sister Bell ... came before the church at Moore's in Wilson Co. N. C., and ... was received to membership September 22d 1877, and baptized in Toisnot Swamp the next day by the writer. Living in this church in peace, union, and love until Jan. 7th 1888, she was dismissed by letter and united with the church at Toisnot, being one with other brethren to constitute it, where she remained ... she had to be conveyed either on buggy or invalid's chair by her husband to each meeting.
...

We visited and prayed with her, ... a day or two before the sad moment, ... A more loving sister, daughter, wife, mother, neighbor, friend, never lived.

Good by my darling sister. We miss you. The church misses you and mourn our loss. ...

A. J. Moore

Whitakers, N. C.

JAMES THIGPEN

Wilson Daily Times, May 11, 1916

Mr. James Thigpen

Mr. James Thigpen, aged 65 years, a well known and respected citizen and farmer, died suddenly Tuesday afternoon at his home in Corn Neck section, Edgecombe county. Mr. Thigpen resided alone on his farm, and when found, he was sitting in an upright position in a chair. His son, Mr. Benj. Thigpen, of this city, was with him Sunday afternoon, and stated that his father complained of a slight attack of indigestion, but that neither gave it any serious thought. A neighbor went over to the home and found Mr. Thigpen dead in the chair.

The funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon at three o'clock from the home by Elder P. D. Gold. The burial took place in the family burying grounds near that place.

He is survived by one son and a large number of relatives and friends to mourn their loss.

(OBITUARIES continued from previous page)

GRANDSON OF MR. AND MRS. D. R. PETWAY
Wilson Daily Times, May 22, 1916

Death of An Infant

On Sunday morning, May 21st the angel of death visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Petway and took away their little grand son who was only two months old. The child was found dead in bed about nine o'clock.

The remains were taken to Enfield today and will be buried there.
[Poetry omitted.]

A Subscriber.

WILLIAM P. SNAKENBURG
Wilson Daily Times, May 24, 1916

Funeral of Mr. Snakenberg

The funeral of Mr. W. P. Snakenberg was conducted this morning from the Christian church, and interment followed in Maplewood cemetery. The pall bearers were: Messrs. O. A. Glover, George Morgan, W. J. Burden, P. B. Walker, H. Coyle and Rev. M. Bethea.

SAPHIRA [?] MARLOW
Wilson Daily Times, November 11, 1910

Mrs. William Marlow Dead.

(From Tuesday's Daily Times.)

Mrs. Marlow, relict of the late William Marlow, died Sunday in Black Creek township. Mr. and Mrs. Marlow formerly resided in Wilson where they both were highly esteemed. Mr. William Marlow was a Confederate veteran and died about a year ago in the Soldier's Home in Raleigh.

The funeral of Mrs. William Marlow, who died Sunday night at her home near Black Creek, was conducted this afternoon by Elder P. D. Gold, pastor of the Primitive Baptist church. The interment was made in the family burial grounds.

[Note: She may have been Saphira Marlow, b May 1860, wife of 30 years of William Marlow, b March 1843, who lived in the Town of Wilson in 1900. Howell, *Wilson County, North Carolina, Federal Census of 1900,* p. 306]

MOLLIE H. PITTMAN
Wilson Daily Times, October 18, 1913

Death of Mrs. Pittman.

Mrs. J. J. Pittman of near Saratoga passed away yesterday morning in the 45th year of her age. She was highly esteemed by all, a devoted wife and mother, a devout Christian, a member of the Free Will Baptist church. The deceased left a husband and three children, and a large circle of relatives and friends to mourn her departure.

PIETY ROSE
Wilson Daily Times, November 18, 1913

Worthy Old Lady Dead

Mrs. Piety Rose who died Saturday in the 85th year of her age was buried Sunday in Cross Roads township.

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Materials of genealogical interest to the members of WCGS are accepted for publication at the discretion of the Editor and should pertain to families with connections in Wilson County and its neighboring and parent communities. Your work will be published in *Trees* of Wilson and archived at the Wilson County Public Library for future generations. **Deadline to submit is the last day of each month.** Contact Adele Gray via email (editor.wcgs@gmail.com) for additional information on publishing an article.

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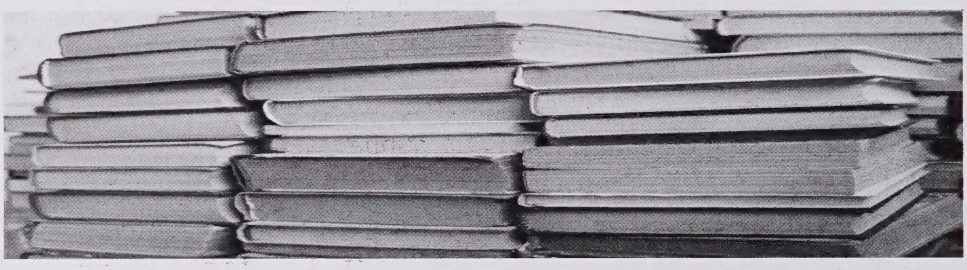
News from the Wilson County Public Library

June Program and History Room Opening

Tammy L. Medlin, Local History/Genealogy Program

Everyone loves southern cooking so Local History Librarian Tammy Medlin is going to explore some of the local cookbooks in our collection. Join her as she celebrates National Candy Month by looking at recipes for candy, cake, and other goodies. For more information, contact Tammy Medlin at (252) 237-5355, Ext. 5029 or tmedlin@wilson-co.com. The program will be available on Facebook and YouTube.

Also, the Local History Room is now open for regular hours with no appointment needed unless research assistance is required. The library is currently open 10 am - 8 pm Mon. - Wed. and 10 am to 6 pm Thur. - Sat. Unfortunately, the meeting rooms are still closed.



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___ Abstract of Wills, Wilson County	$12.00
___ Barnes Narratives	$12.00
___ History of Three Baptist Churches	$12.00
___ They Moved Away - North Carolinians Who Went to Other States	$10.00
___ Wilson County, North Carolina, Census of 1860.	$35.00
___ Wilson County, North Carolina, Census of 1870.	$45.00
___ Wilson County, North Carolina, Census of 1880.	$55.00
___ Wilson County, North Carolina, Census of 1900.	$45.00
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___ Wilson County, North Carolina, Cemeteries Volume IV	$35.00
___ Wilson County, North Carolina, Cemeteries Volume V	$40.00
___ Wilson County's Architectural Heritage	$30.00
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Census records abstracted by J. Albert Bass with family data added from his files.

___ 1880 Wilson County, Black Creek Township	$45.00
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___ 1880 Wayne County, Pikeville District	$30.00
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___ 1900 Wayne County, Nahunta Township	$25.00

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Miscellaneous

___ Cemetery Finder (paper) donation	$10.00
___ Cemetery Index	$25.00

Payment and shipping: Shipping cost for each book is $5.00 ($10.00 for *Wilson County Marriages,* a set of two books). Shipping cost for maps is $5.00 for 1-4 items. Add 6.75% sales tax for NC residents on merchandise total (not on shipping). Total of items ordered $_____ Shipping $_____ Sales Tax $_____ Total of Order $_____

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